



**PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Nov. 11, 2014**

President Judy Grommon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**WELCOME**

Judy Grommon welcomed and acknowledged meeting hostesses Cindy Kurtz, Pam Pellizzari, Peggy Pellizzari, and Eunice Holthusen.

Florence Doksansky welcomed Carol Noller, Women's Heart champion for Northern Colorado.

**Presentation by Carol Noller**

Carol presented to the group about heart disease and women. She shared her story of having two heart attacks at a young age and living with heart disease. She reviewed the statistics, symptoms and risk factors of women's heart disease. She advised women to speak with their physicians about the risk factors and to get regular health care checkups and to know their cholesterol and blood pressure numbers. Women can learn more and sign up for Women's Heart by referring to the information in packets that were distributed. Carol leads a support group for women heart disease survivors and women at risk in Fort Collins.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Mary Starck moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 14, 2014, meeting. Shellie Gutierrez seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**President Judy Grommon:** Judy reported that she wants committee chairs to put information into the newsletter to inform people prior to the meeting so when we are at the meeting, members are up to date and we can keep the committee reports brief and of value. Questions of committee chairmen can be asked after the meeting. This will make the meetings run a little more quickly.

**Vice President Nita Starr:** No report.

**Recording Secretary Sara Quale:** No report.

**Corresponding Secretary, Sue Lussenhop:** Resignation from Christina Huff.

Sue asked about social activities related to Philo but not official groups. She mentioned book club and Bunco, which is a great thing for new members. Donna Menzies is in charge of Bunco and Susan Linden in charge of the book club. Sue can provide more information for interested members.

**Treasurer Shellie Gutierrez:** Dues are past due and need to be paid. Shellie will begin contacting people this weekend.

Name tags are available for order or pick up if you have ordered one already. They are \$4.

General fund: \$15,716.72; Dine Out With Heart was \$8,321.95; Golf – \$17,893.82.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Blood Drive:** Florence Doksansky reported that the blood drive is next Tuesday. She has volunteers, but welcomes additional helpers. She handed out posters to promote the event.

**Canned Food Drive:** Gerta Fereday reported that she needs more help the days of the event, Friday, Dec. 5 from 8 to 10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, noon-2 p.m., and 2-4 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. She also needs snacks.

Judy added that in the bylaws in addition to attend a certain amount of meetings and pay dues, members are required to participate in the clubs major functions.

**Christmas Food Basket:** Denise Olson talked about food basket donations. If you donated and want gift cards, those are available on Saturday at the Canned Food Drive. You can pick up the foods for your baskets on Saturday as well.

**Dine Out with Heart:** Kathy Loken reported a very successful first-year event. The projected income is \$7,500. The lowest earning restaurant was \$25 and highest was \$1,079. The committee has projected a net income of more than \$5,700. About \$3,500 goes to food baskets, and \$2,500 will be available for another hunger-related project. Plans are underway for next year. Much credit for the project success goes to Donna Menzies and her initiative, enthusiasm and her energy.

**Shopping Extravaganza:** Pam Clifford reported we had a successful fundraiser with this event. The group made \$2,094 up from \$2,017 last year. We sold 59 tickets. Last year we sold 82. Extra money came from the prize drawing that required sales of at least 50 tickets. We would have only made about \$800 had we not sold 50 tickets.

The other thing we are doing is the King Soopers cards. We sold \$1,810 in transactions. We need \$5,000 in transactions to start earning money. Denise reported that we will use the King Soopers cards for the Christmas basket gift cards.

**Sunshine:** Mary Voggesser reported that a card was sent to Linda Hollingshead. Sandy Roorda said she is doing well. Mary recognized November birthdays.

**Early childhood:** Susan Kuhn asked members to bring a new children's book to the Christmas party. We've been doing this for a few years. Books should be for ages 3-5 and can be in English or Spanish.

**Web:** Members should send information for email distribution to both Trudy and Peggy after board authorization.

**Spring Social:** Juanita Cisneros reported that we are going back to the newly reopened Sylvan Dale Ranch on May 12.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Judy reported that the Christmas party is December 9. Mary Voggesser suggested that we go back to simple desserts so we don't have to incur a big expense for feeding the group. The focus should be on socializing and friendship.

Judy said we're far along with planning and will continue this year, but reconsider plans for next year. People willing to help with food should contact Heather.

Florence Doksansky introduced Pam Stevens who attended in September and has returned as a prospective new member.

Natalie Parker brought her mother, Judy, as a guest.

Historian Sheila Pottorff and Sara Quale will take photos. Linda Stangle said she would like to continue doing the updates of scrapbooks.

Jeannie Findley reported on the Olson's Pajama project. People are hungry and don't have jammies. All schools are collecting pajamas in the month of November.

Juanita Cisneros asked that members remember to send their articles to Juanita for the newsletter. **Deadlines are on the front of the newsletter and on the "Member's Only" page under Newsletter Deadlines.**

**Authorized** emails **requiring mass mailing membership** must be sent to **both** Peggy and Trudy .

Judy Grommon's email address on the newsletter is wrong. IT should be [jujukay43@yahoo.com](mailto:jujukay43@yahoo.com).

The Christmas party is at Stella's on Dec. 9.

Social Committee will remain in place for the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Quale, recording secretary